

REMARKS

In response to Office Action mailed May 7, 2004, requesting an election of claims for examination purposes, Applicants cancel the claims of Group III, elects Group I and amends various claims of Groups II and IV-VIII and submits all claims pending should be subject to examination. Claims 1-19 and 36-45 remain in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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